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SUBJECT: STUDENT KILLED DURING JANUARY 23 MADRID DEMONSTRATIONS

1. A PRO-AMNESTY DEMONSTRATION, WHICH HAD BEEN CALLED BY VARIOUS LEFT AND FAR-LEFT GROUPS AND PROHIBITED BY THE GOVT., TOOK PLACE ANYWAY YESTERDAY FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS AROUND MID-DAY IN DOWNTOWN MADRID. BETWEEN 8,000 AND 12,000 DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY TOOK PART, BUT THEIR ACTIVITIES WERE DISPESED AROUND THE PLAZA DE ESPANA-AVENDIDA JOSE ANTONIO AREA IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NO MORE THAN 1,000 GATHERED AT ANY ONE PLACE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

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2. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE, AS THE FORMER BLOCKED DOWNTOWN STREETS WITH CARS AND BENCHES AND, AT TIMES, HURLED STONES, TRASH CANS, BRICKS, AND EVEN A FEW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT ADVANCEING POLICE UNITS. THE ATMOSPHERE BECAME PARTICULARLY TENSE AFTER A 19-YEAR-OLD DEMON-

STRATOR WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY ONE OF TWO MEN REPORT-
EDLY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS "GUERRILLEROS DE CRISTO
REY." IN ALL, 12 DEMONSTRATORS AND A FEW POLICEMEN
REPORTEDLY WERE INJURED IN THE CLASHES, NONE OF THEM
SERIOUSLY. AN EMBOFF WHO SAW PART OF THE FRACAS NOTED
THAT SOME OF THE YOUTHS WERE DIRECTED BY WELL-DRESSED,
MIDDLE-AGED DEMONSTRATORS.

3. THE DOWNTOWN AREA RETURNED TO NORMAL FAIRLY QUICKLY
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, ALTHOUGH MADRID'S HOJO DE LUNES
TODAY DESCRIBED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AS PERHAPS THE
WORST THAT THE CAPITAL HAS SEEN SINCE FRANCO'S DEATH.
THE KILLING OF THE STUDENT IS CERTAIN TO BE USED BY
THE ULTRA LEFT IN PARTICULAR TO STIR UP FOLLOW-ON
DEMONSTRATIONS. STABLER

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